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C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 07268

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, JA, US

SUBJECT: COST SHARING - AT THE SUMMIT

REF: TOKYO 6400

1. DURING PAST FEW DAYS SEVERAL PRESS ARTICLES HAVE APPEARED SUGGESTING THAT GOJ EXPECTS COST-SHARING ISSUE TO BE RAISED AT MAY 3 SUMMIT AND THAT IT IS CASTING ABOUT FOR WAYS TO BE RESPONSIVE. TOKYO SHINBUN APRIL 20 AND MAINICHI APRIL 21, CITING GOJ SOURCE, SAID THAT GOJ HAD BEGUN CONCRETE STUDIES TO FIND WAYS TO INCREASE GOJ SHARE OF FACILITIES' EXPENSES. IT NOTED USG INTEREST IN INCREASED COST-SHARING, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF HIGH YEN RATE, AND FACT THAT US FORCES' EXPENSES TOTALLED SOME \$1 BILLION PER YEAR, ACCORDING TO JUNE 1977 GAO REPORT. ARTICLE NOTED THAT GOJ WAS BECOMING INCREASINGLY POSITIVE ON QUESTION, AND WAS STUDYING WAYS TO CIRCUMVENT THE "OHIRA VIEW."

2. APRIL 23 SANKEI AND KYODO STORIES REPORTED THAT GOJ SOURCE APRIL 22 SAID COST-SHARING, ALTHOUGH NOT ON CONFIDENTIAL

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SUMMIT AGENDA WOULD INEVITABLY ARISE; THAT GOJ CONSCIOUS OF "FREE-RIDE" CRITICISM, WAS THINKING OF RESPONDING IN CONSTRUCTIVE WAY; AND THAT PM FUKUDA WAS CONSIDERING MODIFICATION OF OHIRA VIEW TO EXPAND FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION BEYOND STRICTLY REPLACEMENT BASIS. ARTICLES POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT, WHILE THERE WAS STRONG SUPPORT WITHIN LDP FOR EXPANDED COST-SHARING, RESISTANCE WAS

BUILDING AMONG OPPOSITION PARTIES AND QUESTION WOULD  
PROBABLY BECOME CONTENTIOUS ISSUE BETWEEN LDP AND  
OPPOSITION.

3. COMMENT. WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY SURVIVAL TO DATE OF  
WHAT WE LIKE TO REGARD AS TRIAL BALLOONS. BY AND LARGE,  
HOWEVER, THEY TEND TO VERIFY OUR RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH  
GOJ OFFICIALS INDICATING THAT GOJ BELIEVES ONLY FEASIBLE  
AREAS FOR COST-SHARING ARE EXPANDED FACILITIES CONSTRUC-  
TION AND HOUSING. MANSFIELD

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